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1. WE DISCUSSED DRAFT DECLARATIONS WITH MFA DEPSEC GEN HELGASON MAY 15, MAKING POINTS REFTEL AND EMPHASIZING THAT USG STRONGLY SUPPORTS IS DRAFT AND CANNOT ACCEPT BELGIAN VERSION. HELGASON WAS FAMILIAR WITH BOTH DRAFTS BUT SAID THAT MINISTRY HAD NOT YET CONSIDERED THEM. HE SAID REPORTS REACHING HIM FROM BRUSSELS INDICATED SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN DRAFT AND VOLUNTEERED OBSERVATION THAT IF, AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT, BELGIAN VERSION IS DESTAERCKE'S PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION, IT WILL CARRY GREAT DEAL OF WEIGHT WITH
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OTHER DELEGATIONS.

2. COMMENT: AS NOTED, GOI HAD NOT CONSIDERED DRAFTS AND WE DOUBT THAT MATTER IS HIGH ON SHORT-STAFFED MINISTRY'S LIST OF PRIORITIES. RATHER, ICELAND PROBABLY HOPES TO AVOID CLEAR-CUT CHOICE BETWEEN COMPETING VERSIONS AND WILL WAIT FOR CONSENSUS TO EMERGE WHICH, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT CAN SUPPORT.
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